

U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1064, Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Pastor; Larry Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MINORITY-OWNED RADIO RATINGS DECLINE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Will Arbitron's Personal People Meter Silence Minority Owned Radio Stations?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled "The 2010 Census: How Complete Count Committees, Local Governments, Philanthropic Organizations, Not-for-Profits, and the Business Community Can Contribute to a Successful Census." Testimony was heard from Yvette Cumberbatch, Coordinator, 2010 Census, New York City; Mercedes Lemp Jacobs, Director, Office of Latino Affairs, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4154, the Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pomeroy, Berkley, Welch and Brady of Texas.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT SAFETY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Ensuring the Safety of Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Jeff Hanley, Program Manager, Constellation Program, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate; John Marshall, Council Member, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; and Bryan O'Connor, Chief of Safety and Mission Assurance; and public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Commercial Space Transportation. Testimony was heard from George C. Nield Associate Administrator, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS—GSA BORDER STATION

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Stimulus Tracking #4: Ensuring Money Means Security when Building GSA Border Stations to Protect the U.S.A. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Michaud, Ortiz, and Teague; Bill Guerin, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Executive, Recovery Program Management Office, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Treat Frazier, Director, Land Port of Entry Modernization Program Management Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

VA HEALTH CARE FUNDING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on VA Health Care Funding: Appropriations to Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Rita A. Reed, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Management; and Michael S. Finegan, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 11; and a public witness.